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REPLY TO ACTION OF OCTOBER 26, 2004

Claims 1, 5-17, 19-25 and 27-34 are pending and under examination. No amendments are currently proposed. Applicants request consideration of the remarks below.

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